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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of documents (1) to (11) are enclosed.

- (1) JP 64-046840
- (2) JP 04-251871
- (3) JP 06-059846
- (4) JP 07-044477
- (5) JP 07-311670
- (6) JP 09-054671
- (7) JP 09-138743
- (8) JP 2000-127565
- (9) JP 2000-276010
- (10) JP 2001-027944

- (11) EP 0 637 157

Documents (1) to (10) were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, which is dated August 5, 2005, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

English-language abstracts accompany each of documents (1) to (10), and an English-language translation accompanies document (9). Additionally, it is noted that document (11) is an English-language counterpart for document (4). The concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents (1) to (10) is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English-language abstracts, the English-language translation and the English-language counterpart. See MPEP § 609.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

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